

## IF ANY MAN SPEAK

1 Cor 14:26-35

**1 Cor 14:26** *How is it then, brethren?* Are you following these instructions? *when ye come together....* When get together for services *every one of you hath...* All came to services ready to use spiritual gift...at same\_time.

Without showing deference to others

**Psalm:** Reading or singing of OT psalm

**Doctrine:** Teaching from God

**Tongue:** Foreign language

**Revelation:** Specific matter God revealed ... explanation of mystery from God

**An interpretation:** Translation of foreign language

**Let all things be done unto edifying.** Everything done with purpose of edifying

**Edify :** Spiritual building up of God's people

**Principle:** Desire to build up others in the faith. Eph 4:11,12; 1 Th 5:11; Rom 15:1-2; 14:19; 2 Tim 3:16,17

Regulations concerning speaking in tongues **1 Cor 14:27**

1. Only 2 or 3 are allowed to speak
2. One at a time Each one speak in turn. Orderliness the principle  
*Mac. One of the strongest indictments of the modern charismatic movement is the common practice of many persons speaking, praying, and singing at the same time, with no one paying attention to what others are doing or saying.*
3. One interpreter Only one be interpreter/translator
4. If no interpreter present, be silent! 1 Cor 14:28 Should know before service whether or not interpreter there.  
*... speak to himself, and to God.* Be quiet and meditate and speak silently to yourself and to God.

Regulations for Prophet: **1 Cor 14:29**

1. Two or three speak in each service
2. The other prophets were to judge the message  
*The other:* Other prophets  
*Judge:* see through a matter and determine as true or false. Distinguish, measure what preached by understanding of will and Word of God. 1 Jn 4:1; Checks and balances  
**1 Cor 14:30** New revelation precedent over old. If fresh from Lord, let's hear it Understand:

1. God's revelation already complete.
2. Bishop is one who preached Word of God
3. One at a time **1 Cor 14:31**  
*Ye may all prophesy* ... You will all get a chance, ...in later services  
*One by one...* In turn, one after the other.  
*That all may learn* Instruction, brought to the place of understanding  
*...be comforted.* exhorted, strengthened. Urged, admonished, encouraged.
4. Control **1 Cor 14:32**  
*Spirits:* Little 's'. Unseen part of man  
When prophet given message from God, he is in control of his spirit as he communicates.

*Mac. ... they were always fully aware of what the message was and aware that is*

*was given to them by God.*

God does not bypass men's minds to either reveal or teach His Word

**1 Cor 14:33** If there is confusion, don't attribute it to God.

**Confusion:** State of disorder, bewilderment, not able to distinguish between things. Things in disarray and disorganized.

Even in spontaneity, God does things decently and in order (v.40)

**But of peace...** Tranquility of mind. Right and gentle spirit. Not a hasty spirit. Harmonious relationship among people. Wholeness, harmony. No competition. No jockeying for position.

**As in all churches of the saints.** In every NT church every where at every time period, forever.

**1 Cor 14:34** Women not authorized to speak, but should take secondary and subordinate place, just as Law also says

Roles of women and men in the church.

1. Men and Women are equal in person from God's perspective. Gal 3:28
2. Men and women are not equal in their roles or responsibilities
3. In some areas God commands Co-submission Eph 5:21
4. In other areas God commands Submission Eph 5:22

**34. let your women keep silence in the churches.**

**Keep silence.** Hold peace, keep quiet;

**Not permitted unto them to speak.** In tongues or preaching

Women do 2 things in the church **1 Cor 11:5** pray or prophecy.

**But they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.**

Command of God ...Be under authority of men

**Law. OT**

**35. ... let them ask their husbands at home.** Dominant women took occasion to dominate discussion.

Some say --- customary for women to sit on one side of building and men on other.

Jewish synagogues--women silent. Couldn't pray, testify, or participate

**Shame:** Improper, disgraceful; base; opposed to modesty or purity, filthy (Tit. 1:11).

Jews took to extreme

*Baxter: To the Jews, women were on the same plane as slaves, or dogs. To hear a woman speak in tongues would not only be repugnant to the Jews but would also defeat the purpose of the sign gift.*

1 Tim 2:11-13

Can a woman:

Pastor or preach? No!

Teach an adult Bible class (mixed)? No

Teach a ladies Bible class. Yes

Teach a discipleship class of men and women? No (doctrinal)

Preach a week of meetings? Give a testimony in church?

SS teacher (children? Junior High? High School? etc.....)

Direct church choir? Gray area

Witness to man? (Prophecy in 11:5) Yes

**So What?**

Follow the rules...(tongues, preaching, roles)

Men -- YOU are to lead